Trusts for Temples and Shrines

738. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked State Governments to set up trusts for managing major temples and shrines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have formulated a plan to provide financial assistance to these trusts;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the response of State Governments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Question does not arise.

Outcome of the Meeting of Indus Water Commission

739. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether annual meeting of Indus Water Commission was held in the last week of May, 2002 in New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether apart from routine matters any other matter like Tulbul navigation project was also discussed in the meeting; and

(c) the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Madam. The annual meeting of the Permanent Indus Commission (PIC) was held in New Delhi from 28th May to 1st June, 2002.

(b) and (c) During the meeting, India had agreed to consider Pakistan's requests for the Permanent Indus Commission (PIC) to undertake two